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SUBJECT: SOVIET TOURIST SHIP, FELIX DZERJINSKY, ASSIGNED TO FIJI

1. THE FIJI TIMES ON TUESDAY 13 JUNE HEADLINED THE SOVIET BLOCK-WALKOUT AT THE BANQUET GIVEN SUNDAY, 11 JUNE, IN PEKING, IN HONOR OF FIJI'S PRIME MINISTER, RATU SIR KAMISESE MARA. THE PROTEST, ACCORDING TO THE TIMES CAME WHEN CHINESE VICE-PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN ACCUSED MOSCOW OF "TRYING BY EVERY MEANS TO BARGE INTO THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION."

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2. THIS REPORT CALLS TO MIND THE ASSIGNMENT TO FIJI OF THE SOVIET CRUISE SHIP, FELIX DZERJINSKY, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE 12 SEVEN-DAY CRUISES BETWEEN MAY 28 AND AUGUST 13 TO LEVUKA, APIA, PAGO PAGO, SUVA AND BACK TO LAUTOKA. THE EXCEPTIONALLY LOW PRICE OF AUSTRALIAN \$230 COVERS CABINS WITH PRIVATE BATHS FOR A MAXIMUM OF 250 PERSONS, ACCORDING TO LOCAL ADS.

PRICE ALSO INCLUDES ALL MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT.

3. WE ARE STRUVEOD THE FACT THAT AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS WHO HAVE SPOKEN TO US ABOUT THIS CRUISE HAVE HAD NOTHING GOOD TO SAY ABOUT IT. ONE OF THE BIGGEST COMPLAINTS HAS BEEN THE ODDEST. PASSENGERS ARE ASSURED THAT THEY MAY BRING VISITORS ABORAD AT EVERY PORT OF CALL, BUT AT EACH PORT, PRIOR TO LANDING, IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT NO VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED ON SHIP. OTHER COMPLAINTS INCLUDE UNEXPLAINED DELAYS IN REACHING SCHEDULED STOPS, AND THE LACK OF PERSONNEL WHO CAN SPEAK ENGLISH. MORE RUN-OF-THE MILL COMPLAINTS INCLUDE SURLY SERVICE FROM UNTRAINED STAFF, POOR FOOD, AND MEDIOCRE ACCOMMODATIONS. CLEARLY THE PASSENGER FARE OF \$A250 DOES NOT EXPLAIN THE ECONOMICS OF THESE CRUISES, NOR DOES THERE SEEM TO BE MUCH EFFORT MADE TO WIN FRIENDS AMONG PASSENGERS. THE ITINERARY SURELY MUST PROVIDE SOME OTHER, LESS OBVIOUS RETURNS.
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